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In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006 (the "Action"), finally rejecting claims 6-12 and 17-23, please enter for consideration the comments herein for the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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